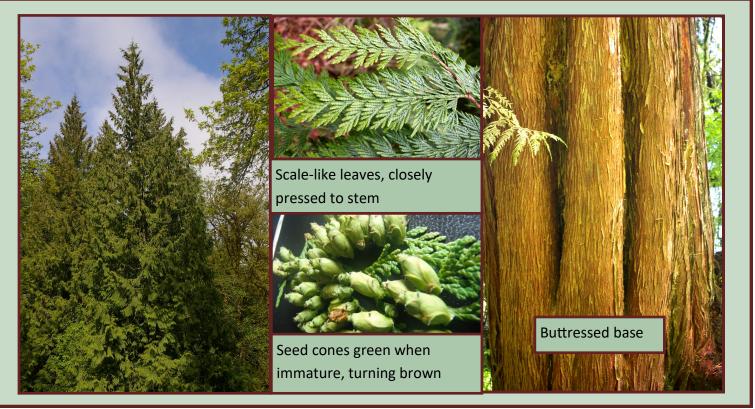
## Western Red Cedar



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Thuja Plicata

**PNW Native Plant** 

Part sun

Moist to wet soils

## Generous Evergreen Tree

## **Cultural Uses:**

Cedar wood is a culturally important resource, known as "the cornerstone of Northwest Coast Indian culture." The many uses of Cedar wood include; house planks, boxes, dugouts, arrow shafts , and posts. The bark is used more often and the uses include; clothes, ceremonial head bands, dishes, mats, baskets, sails and cooking pit liners. It also had many medicinal uses from chewing the buds to boiling the leaves for coughs.

<u>Ecology</u>: Shaded forests, grows

best on seepage, bogs, and bottomlands

## <u>General:</u>

Western Red Cedar grows mostly on low, moist or wet bottomlands and is shade tolerant. This tall and straight large tree can reach up to 200 feet tall and grow 3 to 5 feet in diameter. Its branches spread horizontally, tips upturned; then, below, they take a down curve. Mature trees often fluted and buttressed at the base. Red Cedars range from sea level to 4500', growing from Alaska down into Northern California.